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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Olivier de Pous et al.) Attorney Docket No.
Serial No.: 09/099,684) VAL0829P0012US
Filed: June 18, 1998) Group Art Unit: 3754
For: METHOD FOR ATTACHING A)
DISPENSER MEMBER TO A)
RECEPTACLE (As Amended))
Examiner: D. Deal)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION
APPLICATION AND RESPONSE TO PRIOR OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the final Official Action Paper No. 8, dated November 9, 1999, and also summarizes the interview held on May 8, 2000.

An attached Transmittal Letter presents a fee calculation and authorizes a charge to a Deposit Account if required.

A Petition and a check for the fee for a three-month extension of time to respond was filed on May 4, 2000 concurrently with a Continued Prosecution Application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 28 and 29 as follows:

~~28.~~ The method in accordance with claim ~~27~~ in which said top portion of said fixing ring includes a guide crown above said bottom portion so that as said

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